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us to give up the enterprise). **b** : a fire with flanged beads fitting into the wheel rim

cline \klīn\ n [Gk *klinein*] (1938) : a gradient of morphological or physiological change in a group of related organisms usu. along a line of environmental or geographic transition — **clinical** \klī-nīkl\ adj — **clin-i-ally** \nā-lē\ adv

cline n [comb form] [back-formation fr. *-clin-*] : slope (monocline)

cling \klīng\ vi **clung** \klūng\; **cling-ing** [ME, fr. OE *clingan*; akin to OHG *klunga* tangled ball of thread] (bef. 12c) **1** a : to hold together b : to adhere as if glued firmly c : to hold or hold on tightly or tenaciously **2** a : to have a strong emotional attachment or dependence (the *clung* to his friends for support) b : to remain or linger as if resisting complete dissipation or dispersal (the odor *clung* to the room for hours) **syn** see STICK — **cling-er** \klīng-ər\ n — **clingy** \klīng-ē\ adj

2 **cling** n (ca. 1625) : an act or instance of clinging : ADHERENCE

cling-stone \klīn-stōn\ n (1705) : any of various stone fruits (as some peaches or plums) with flesh that adheres strongly to the pit

clin-i-c \klīn-ēk\ n [F *clinique*, fr. Ok *klinike* medical practice at the sickbed, fr. fern. of *klinikos* of a bed, fr. *klinē* bed, fr. *klinein* to lean, recline — more at LEAN] (1827) **1** : a class of medical instruction in which patients are examined and discussed **2** : a group meeting devoted to the analysis and solution of concrete problems or to the acquiring of specific skills or knowledge (writing ~s) **3** a : a facility (as of a hospital) for diagnosis and treatment of outpatients **b** : a group practice in which several physicians work cooperatively **4** : a facility that offers professional services or consultation usu. at discounted rates (a legal ~) **5** : an exemplary display or performance (put on a ~ in the tournament)

clinic adj [comb form] [DSV, fr. Ok *klinein*] **1** : inclining : dipping **2** : having (so many) oblique intersections of the axes (triclinic)

clin-i-cal \klīn-ē-kəl\ adj (ca. 1728) **1** : of, relating to, or conducted in or as if in a clinic; as **a** : involving direct observation of the patient **b** : based on or characterized by observable and diagnosable symptoms **2** : analytical or coolly dispassionate (a ~ attitude) — **clin-i-cal-ly** \klīn-ē-kəlē\ adv

clinical thermometer n (1875) : a thermometer for measuring body temperature that has a constriction in the tube above the bulb preventing movement of the column of liquid downward once it has reached its maximum temperature so that it continues to indicate the maximum temperature until the liquid is shaken back down into the bulb

clinical trial n (1946) : a scientifically controlled study of the safety and effectiveness of a therapeutic agent (as a drug or vaccine) using consenting human subjects

clin-i-clian \klīn-ē-kē-shən\ n (1875) **1** : a person qualified in the clinical practice of medicine, psychiatry, or psychology as distinguished from one specializing in laboratory or research techniques or in theory **2** : a person who conducts a clinic

clin-i-co-path-o-log-i-cal \klīn-ē-ku-thə-lōjē-kəl\ adj [*clinico*] (1898) : relating to or concerned both with the signs and symptoms directly observable by the physician and with the results of laboratory examination — **clin-i-co-path-o-log-i-cal-ly** \klīn-ē-ku-thə-lōjē-kəlē\ adv

1 **clink** \klīnk\ vb [ME, fr. imit. origin] vi (14c) : to give out a slight sharp short metallic sound ~v: to cause to clink

2 **clink** v (15c) : a clinking sound

2 **clink** v [prob. fr. *Clink*, a prison in Southwark, London, England] (1515) **1** **slang** : a prison cell **2** **slang** : JAIL, PRISON

1 **clink-er** \klīn-kər\ n [alter. of earlier *klincard* a hard yellowish Dutch brick] (1641) **1** : a brick that has been burned too much in the kiln **2** : stony matter fused together : SLAG

2 **clink-er** \klīn-kər\ n [clink] (1733) **1** **Brit** : something first-rate **2** a : a wrong note b : a serious mistake or error : BONER **c** : an utter failure : FLOP **d** : something of poor quality

clink-er-built \klīn-kər-būlt\ adj [clinker, n. clinch] (1769) : having the external planks or plates overlapping like the clapboards on a house (a ~ boat)

clink-ety-clank \klīn-ē-tē-klānk\ n [imit.] (1901) : a repeated usu. rhythmic clanking sound (the ~ of a loose tire chain)

cli-nom-e-ter \klīn-ōm-ē-tər\ n [Gk *klinein* to lean] (1811) : any of various instruments for measuring angles of elevation or inclination

clino-nous adj [comb form] [prob. fr. NL *-clinus*, fr. Ok *klinē* bed — more at CLINIC] : having the androccium and gynoecium in a (single or different) flower or (two separate) flowers (clinonous)

1 **clim-quant** \klīm-kānt, kla-mp\ adj [MF, fr. prep. of *cliquer* to glitter, lit. to clink, of imit. origin] (1591) : glittering with gold or tinsel

2 **climquant** n [F, fr. *climquant*, adj.] (1682) : TINSEL

clim-to-nia \klīm-tō-nē-ə\ n [NL, genus name, fr. DeWitt Clinton] (1843) : any of a genus (*Clintonia*) of herbs of the lily family with yellow, white, or purplish flowers

Clio \klīo\ n [L, fr. Gk *Kleio*] (1557) **1** : the Greek Muse of history **2** n [Clio] : a statuette awarded annually by a professional

clipped the tourist for \$200) ~v: **1** : to clip something **2** : to pass rapidly **3** : to clip an opposing player in football

4 **clip** n (15c) **1** a pl. **Scot** : SHEARS **b** : a 2-bladed instrument esp. the nails **2** : something that is clipped; as **a** : the first single shearing (as of sheep) **b** : a crop of wool of a sheep, a region **c** : a section of filmed, videotaped, or recorded material **d** : a clipping esp. from a newspaper **3** : an act of clipping **4** : to blow **5** : RATE **6** : continues at a brisk ~ **6** : a single limited occasion : TIME (he charged \$10 a ~) **often used in the plural**

clip art n (1968) : ready-made usu. copyright-free illustrations in books or as part of a software package from which they may be pasted or inserted as artwork

clip-board \klīp-bōrd\ n (1885) **1** : a small writing board with a clip at the top for holding papers **2** : a section of computer memory temporarily stores data (as text or a graphics image) esp. to facilitate movement or duplication

clip-clop \klīp-klop\ n [imit.] (1884) : the sound made by or as by a horse walking on a hard surface — **clip-clop** vi

clip joint n (1932) **1** **slang** : a place of public entertainment (as a club) that makes a practice of defrauding patrons (as by overcharging) **2** **slang** : a business that makes a practice of overcharging

clip-on \klīp-ōn, -ān\ adj (1909) : attached with a clip (a ~ earring) — **clip-on** n

clip-per \klīp-pər\ n (14c) **1** : one that clips something **2** : an instrument for clipping esp. hair, fingernails, or toenails — usu. used **3** a : one that moves swiftly **b** : a fast sailing ship; esp: one with slender lines, an overhanging bow, tall masts, and a large sail **clip-ping** \klīp-pīng\ n (15c) : something that is clipped off or something else (as grass) ~s; esp: an item clipped from a publication

clip-sheet \klīp-shēt\ n (1926) : a sheet of newspaper material by an organization for clipping and reprinting

clique \klīk\ n [F] (1711) : a narrow exclusive circle of persons; esp: one held together by common interests, views, or tastes — **cliqu-ey** \klīk-ē, -kē, -kē\ adj — **cliqu-ish** \klīk-kish\ adj — **cliqu-ish-ly** adv — **cliqu-ish-ness** n

clit-el-lum \klīt-ē-lüm\ n, pl -la-**clit-el-lums** [NL, alter. of L *clitellae* p[er]de] (1839) : a thickened glandular section of the body wall of a nematode that secretes a viscid sac in which the eggs are deposited

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